कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी): (क) जी,हां।

(ख) किसी राज्य के सम्बन्ध में अनुसूचित जाति,अनुसूचित जनजाति अथवा अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग के रूप में किसी जाति/जनजाति का विनिर्देशन,जैसा भी मामला हों,इसके सामाजिक-आर्थिक परिस्थितियों पर निर्भर होता हैं जो एक राज्य से दूसरे राज्य में और यहां तक कि एक राज्य के भीतर एक क्षेत्र से दूसरे क्षेत्र से भिन्न होती हैं।

Revival of IISCO

2490. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SAIL was asked not to bid for the revival of IISCO, and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Since Indian Iron and Steel Company Ltd. (IISCO) became a sick industrial company in terms of the sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (as amended in February, 1994) a reference was made by the Board of Directors of (IISCO) to BIFR on 22nd June, 1994, as required under Section IS of the Act, for determination of measures to be adopted with respect to the company.

Any schema to be taken up for modernisation of US 70 will, therefore, have to be in accordance with the orders of the BIFR in this regard.

Koel Karo Project in Bihar

2491. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of the Koel Karo Project;

(b) the time by when this project is likely to be completed;

(c) whether some party leaders during the course of the "save Koel Karo" agitation, have gone on indefinite hungef strike to stall the construction work of this project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Koel Karo Hydro-electric Project (710 MW) is presently estimated to cost Rs. 2,400 crores.

(b) Due to paucity of funds, it has not been possible for the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) to start work on the project or fix a target for its completion.

(c) to (e) There have been reports in the press indicating some opposition to the project. However, since constructioin works have not started, the question of stalling the same does not arise at present.

Allotment of shops on Licence Fee Basis

2492. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has been allotting shops on Licence fee only instead of on tenders which is the usual prescribed procedure; and

(b) if so, how many shops have been allotted on licence fee only, to whom those shops have allotted, the reasons for violating the laid down procedures and the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) 64 shops/stalls lying vacant have been allotted during 1989-1995 at economic licence fee to widows, physically handicapped persons, educated unemployed persons, ladies, social workers, freedom fighters, sports persons, members of SC/ST/Minority/ Backward community and on compassionate grounds as the earlier attempts to auction some of the shops did not evoke adequate response.

खाद्यान्नों,दालों,तिलहनों आदि की अतिरिक्त आवश्यकता

2493. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज**:

श्री राम जेठमलानी:

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच हैं कि अगले दशक के दौरान देश की खाद्यान्नों की आवश्यकता को पूरा करने के लिए खाद्यान्नों के वर्तमान उत्पादन के अतिरिक्त कम से कम 50 मिलियन टन खाद्यान्नों,9 मिलियन टन दालों और 12मिलियन टन तिलहनों के उत्पादन की आवश्यकता हैं;